Legislative Analysis



SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AREA REPEALER

House Bill 6189 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Greg VanWoerkom

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6189 would amend Part 115 (Solid Waste Management) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to repeal section 11519, which now does the following:

- Requires the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to specify
 in writing reasons for denying a construction permit or operating license for a disposal
 area.
- Allows the health officer or EGLE to issue a cease and desist order for closure or remedial action for the construction or operation of a disposal area without a permit or license or if a licensee constructs or operates the disposal area contrary to an approved solid waste management plan or contrary to the permit or license.
- Allows EGLE to issue a final order revoking, suspending, or restricting a permit or license after a contested case hearing if a disposal area is not being constructed or operated in accordance with approved plans, the conditions of a permit or license, or under Part 115 or departmental rules.
- Allows EGLE to issue an order summarily suspending a permit or license upon a
 determination that a violation of the part or rules has occurred which constitutes an
 emergency or poses an imminent risk of injury to the public health or the environment.

The bill also would delete an obsolete provision and no longer require the number of inspections conducted at licensed disposal areas under section 11519 (the section to be repealed) to be included in an annual report prepared by EGLE and provided to the governor and certain legislative offices.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6189 is likely to reduce costs for EGLE by removing a requirement to notify construction permit or operating license applicants of the reasons for their application denial. The extent of this cost savings is unclear and dependent on the number of denied applications within a given year. The bill is unlikely to affect revenues for the department, local government costs, or local government revenues.

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